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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A COLLATED ARRAY
OF TEMPORARY RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS FOR FACILITATING
THE SERIAL APPLICATION OF SUCH TEMPORARY RAISED
PAVEMENT MARKERS TO ROADWAY SURFACES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby desires to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following PRIOR ART of which Applicant is aware and which is also listed upon the attached PTO FORM 1449:

Hughes, Sr.	6,109,820
Beard	5,788,405
Speer et al.	5,515,807
Speer et al.	5,460,115

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Rand	1,833,124
Hartzler et al.	1,766,073
 Speer et al.	 WO 95/2731
 Buccellato et al.	 2003/0091815
Buccellato et al.	2002/0004135

The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward apparatus and a method for manufacturing a collated array of temporary raised pavement markers (TRPMs), wherein the collated array of pavement markers are mounted upon a single release sheet, and folded portions of the release sheet are interposed between successive pavement markers in such a manner that when the folded portions of the release sheet are unfolded, feather-edge bond structure defined be-

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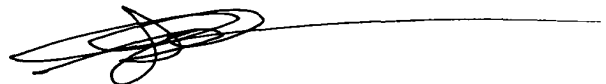
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tween the folded portions of the release sheet and the adhesive material of each pavement marker is effectively recombined such that the release sheet can be readily and easily separated, peeled, and stripped from the individual pavement markers in order to permit the markers to be applied to the pavement surface.

While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses conventional pavement markers, it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART** patent publications cited above do not disclose the apparatus and method for manufacturing the collated array of the permanent raised pavement markers (RPMs), and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,
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